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In re Patent Application of:

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Title: **Nucleic Acid Sequences Encoding  
a Plant Cytoplasmic Protein  
Involved in Fatty Acyl-CoA  
Metabolism**

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**Amendment and Response to Office Action mailed March 11, 2003**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2003, (Paper No. 29),  
Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are  
necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time  
are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in  
conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are  
required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time,  
authorization to charge such fees is given in the accompanying transmittal letter.